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Subject: Coastal Erosion Planning and Response

Dear Mr. Baird:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Policy, as well as the opportunity to attend the numerous public meetings you held on this important subject.

As an addition to Overarching Principle A., we suggest that the sediment to be transported through coastal watersheds to the coastline be defined as "clean" sediment and that the Agency undertake a vigorous program to prevent "contaminated" sediment from reaching the coastline. In item F., the term "coastal lands" is used. The term is not defined. Further, is not the entire Coast of California subject to erosion over a planning lifetime? We suggest these terms be further defined, so the area that would fall within item F. is better understood by all.

In the Planning and Regulation Section A.3., what is meant by the phrase "...and for the disposition of land that cannot be safely developed." In Section B., we suggest that the unimpeded sediment supply refer to "clean" sediment, not all sediment. In Section C., we suggest that the guidelines and suitability criteria be reviewed in both a peer and public process so that the maximum amount of material can safely be placed on beaches or in the near shore zone. We encourage support of demonstration projects such as recently undertaken by the Santa Cruz Port District in this regard. In Section C.2., we are unable to visualize how the sand component of dredged material would be stored for eventual use for beach nourishment. In Section C.3., we encourage the use of dredged material as a resource where there is a willing receiver of the material with the financial means necessary to transport it and re-handle it.

It is our understanding that there will be a revised draft document forthcoming. We look forward to receiving a copy of it and having further discussions.

Sincerely,

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